

Checklist: I have checked carefully that...



- ◆ I have read the [Prototype Fund website](#) and I am familiar with the new focus and structure of the fund.
- ◆ I am applying for a software project.
- ◆ I am not applying as a company, institution or association, but as a private individual. My team consists of a maximum of four members.
- ◆ My application is entirely written in German or English.
- ◆ I have written my application in such a way that even someone who is not an expert in my field can understand what I want to do.
- ◆ In doing so, I answered the questions: What (do I want to do?), How (will I implement my project?), Why (is this needed?), Who (is my target group?).
- ◆ I have considered whether Second Stage funding might be useful for my project. If so, I have applied directly for this funding.
I understand that I cannot receive Second Stage funding later if I do not apply for it now.
- ◆ I had my application read by an external person. An external view can provide good indications that, for example, something is not clear or important information is missing.
- ◆ I have provided a link to a website (Github/Gitlab/Bitbucket or similar). This helps the jury to understand that I am competent to implement the project.
- ◆ I have described the technical implementation of my project in concrete terms: specific tools, programming languages, libraries, architecture, etc.
- ◆ I have identified my target audiences and thought of how to reach them.
- ◆ I have listed the milestones for the implementation of the project.
"1/ Backend, 2/ Frontend" is not sufficient for the application.
- ◆ I have checked whether there is already an open source version of my project. It is better to acknowledge the existence of similar projects and explain how your project differs from them than to pretend they don't exist – or to refrain from applying if you realize that your idea is not significantly different from existing tools.
- ◆ I have assessed that my project can be implemented in the number of hours I have indicated.